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Appropriations Committee Votes to Protect Employee Choice, Paycheck Protection Passes

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Appropriations Committee passing CS/HB 1021 Labor and Employment by Representative Dorworth (R-Lake Mary).

“This legislation protects the individual voice of each and every union member.

“Currently, employees who disagree with the political campaigns that their unions support have two options: to fund a campaign they do not support or to not join a union and lose the protections that union provides. This policy is in direct contradiction to our American value of individual liberty. Union members, like the rest of Florida’s workers, deserve the freedom to choose the causes or candidates they support.

“This bill also increases accountability and transparency in union political activities. It requires unions to provide an annual detailed account of all political contributions and expenditures, allowing for full disclosure for the worker of the political goals and priorities of the union. This will give union members the ability to voice their concerns and opinions on the unions’ political goals and on how their dues should be spent.”

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